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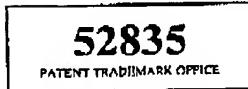
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5 in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 5, 2008. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement, and note that the Okochi reference cited to support the restriction was published less than one year prior to the international filing date of the present application and subsequent to the Japanese priority date claimed by the present application.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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